About the Sex Offender Registry

The Sex Offender Registry Unit (SORU) was established in June 2000 and is responsible for maintaining the MPDC's database of sex offenders, managing the website content, updating the sex offender registry books, coordinating community notifications, and enforcing the Sex Offender Registration Act. The SORU is comprised of both sworn and civilian members.

In March 2001 information from Sex Offender Registy was made available to the public through the MPDC's web site, which now averages almost 100 visitors per day. In addition to keeping the community informed, the registry helps promote effective law enforcement and facilitates community self-protection.

In addition to the MPDC website at **mpdc.dc.gov**, community members may visit any police station and inspect a public registry that contains current information on all registered sex offenders in the District of Columbia (a list of these locations is on the back of this brochure). The MPDC website lists Class A and Class B offenders only.

What to Do with this Information

The MPDC encourages all of our citizens to utilize the sex offender registry information, as an informed community is a safe community. Information on Class A and Class B offenders is available to the community through



the website at www.mpdc.dc.gov. Additionally, bind-

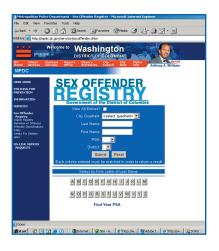


ers containing information on Class A, Class B and Class C offenders are available at any police station.

It is important to note that most of the individuals listed in the

Sex Offender Registry are not wanted on any charges and should not be treated as criminals. If an individual is wanted, it is indicated on his or her bulletin.

Community members considering day care providers or businesses and organizations whose employees or volunteers have unsupervised access to children may find this information useful in making informed choices based on the best information available. Additionally, parents may want to use the information to screen baby-sitters and caregivers. The Sex



Offender Registry allows parents and other concerned citizens to check individuals who may be included in the registry.

While the information provided in the Sex Offender Registery is vaulable to numerous members of the community, it is important to remember that the majority of sex offenses against young people are committed by offenders who are known to the victim. According to 1998 Bureau of Justice Statistics data, in 90% of rapes of children less than 12 years old, the child knew the offender.

Sex Offender Registry Classifications

All registered sex offenders are classified as either Class A, Class B or Class C offender with Class A representing the most serious offenses. MPDC has not considered or assessed the specific risk of re-offending for any individual registrant included in the registry. In addition, MPDC has made no determination that any offender included in the registry is currently dangerous. Offenders are included in the registry solely by virtue of their conviction record.

Class A Offenders are "lifetime' Registrants who have been convicted or found not guilty by reason of insanity of such offenses as forcible rape, sodomy, or first- or second-degree sexual abuse; carnal knowledge or first-degree sexual abuse committed against a child under 12 years of age.

Class B Offenders are "10-year" registrants who have been convicted or found not guilty by reason of insanity of any other sexual offense against a person under the age of 18 years of age, and first- or second-degree sexual abuse of a ward, patient, or client.

Class C Offenders are "10-year" registrants who have been convicted or found not guilty by reason of insanity of any other felony sex offense against a person 18 years of age or older.

MPDC presumes that information obtained from the sex offender registry will be used responsibly to promote public safety. Unlawful use of sex offender registry information to threaten, intimidate, harass, or injure a registered sex offender will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Help keep your children safer by following these safety tips. They have been provided by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. For more information call 1-800-THE-LOST® or visit www.missingkids.org.

- Make sure you know where each of your children is at all times. Know your children's friends and be clear with your children about the places and homes they may visit.
- Never leave children unattended in a automobile, whether it is running or not. Children should never be left unsupervised or allowed to spend time alone or with others in automobiles. Remind children to never hitchhike, approach a car or engage in a conversation with anyone within a car that they do not know and trust.
- Be involved in your children's activities. As an active participant, you'll have a better opportunity to observe how the adults in charge interact with your children.
- Listen to your children. Pay attention if they tell you that they don't want to be with someone or go somewhere.
 This may be an indication of more than a personality conflict or lack of interest in the activity or event.
- Notice when someone shows children a great deal of attention or begins giving them gifts.
- Teach your children that they have the right to say NO to any unwelcome, uncomfortable, or confusing touch or actions by others. Teach them to tell you immediately if this happens. Reassure them that you're there to help and it is okay to tell you anything.
- Be sensitive to any changes in your children's behavior or attitude. Look and listen to small cues and clues that something may be troubling your children, because children are not always comfortable disclosing disturbing events or feelings.
- Remember that there is no substitute for your attention and supervision. Being available and taking time to really know and listen to your children helps build feeling of safety and security.

The MPDC maintains a public website on registered sex offenders, our website address is http://mpdc.dc.gov. Visitors to the website should note that not all registered sex offenders are posted on our website, however the public may view the entire sex offender registry by visiting one of our registry book locations listed below. Our registry books are assembled by District and PSA and are updated monthly.

District 1 (1D), 415 4th St., SW	727-4655
District 1 Substation (1D-1), 500 E St., SE	727-4660
District 2 (2D), 3320 Idaho Ave., NW	282-0070
District 3 (3D), 1620 V St., NW	673-6815
District 3 Substation (3D-1) 750 Park Rd., NW	576-8222
District 4 (4D), 6001 Georgia Ave., NW	576-6745
District 5 (5D), 1805 Bladensburg Rd., NE	727-4510
District 6 (6D), 100 42nd St., NE	727-4520
District 6 Substation (6D-1) 2701 Pennsylvania Ave., SE	727-3622
District 7 (7D), 2455 Alabama Ave., SE	698-1500
ROC - Central (Police Districts 1 and 5) 1500 Eckington Place, NE	576-8881
ROC - East (Police Districts 6 and 7) Penn-Branch Shopping Center 3244 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE	645-5333
ROC - North (Police Districts 2, 3 and 4) 801 Shepherd St., NW	576-6600
Special Operations 2301 L Street, NW	727-4631
Youth and Preventive Services 1700 Rhode Island Ave., NE	576-6737
Sex Offender Registry Unit 300 Indiana Ave., NW, Rm. 3009	727-4407
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